

March 15, 1943

Professor Alfred Hecker  
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Dear Professor Hecker:

Receipt of your letter of March 10, is acknowledged. It is with much regret that I must advise you that I cannot make available to you any of the items which you desire in connection with your conduct of courses in cryptography. These publications are intended for official use only and their distribution to the public is prohibited.

Very truly yours,

William F. Friedman  
Director of Communications  
Research

ALFRED HECKER

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Lieut. Col. Wm. F. Friedman  
War Department  
Office of the Chief Signal Corps Officer  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Friedman:

I have been conducting courses in Elementary Cryptography and Cryptanalysis at St. John's University in Brooklyn. We have used as basic text, "Elementary Cryptanalysis" by Gaines. A number of students who are now completing the course, are interested in further study. I should appreciate it very much, therefore, if you could make available to me any papers which you would suggest for advanced work in the field. The following would be of particular interest if you could help me obtain them: the Riverhank Publications; Frequency and Mathematical Compilations; and methods used for attacking messages which have been enciphered via a combination of both substitution and transposition systems.

I thank you for this courtesy.

Respectfully yours,



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